

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 are amended. Claims 31 and 32 are added. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 may be found at least at paragraphs [0058] of the specification and in Figs. 2. No new matter is added. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Zhu in the November 20, 2008 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejects claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,775,023 (Fukunaga). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The independent claims recite, in part, "the document data being processed by the first service processing operation to produce first modified document data, the first modified document data being processed by the second service processing operation to produce second modified document data."

Applicants respectfully submit that Fukunaga does not disclose the document data being processed by the first service processing operation to produce first modified document data, the first modified document data being processed by the second service processing operation to produce second modified document data. Thus, Fukunaga does not disclose each and every feature of the independent claims.

Claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-25 and 27-30 depend from claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26. Because the applied references fail to anticipate or render obvious the features recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26, dependent claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-

25 and 27-30 are patentable for at least the reasons that claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21 and 26 are patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. New Claims

Claims 31 and 32 are added.

Because the applied references fail to anticipate or render obvious the features recited in the new claims, the claims are patentable.

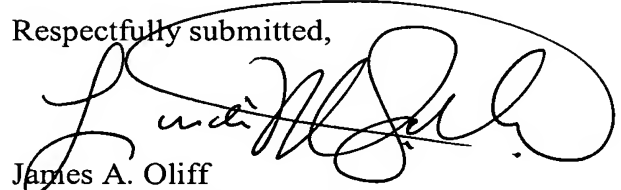
Accordingly, entry of the claims is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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